

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2013
Oxford Town Hall

Call to Order

Chairman Elaine Raccio called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present - Joyce Silberkleit, Kenn Maher, Kelly Weymer, Greg Baktis, Jim Leach and Director Debbie Gatto

Absent - Tom Federowicz

Amendment to the Agenda - None

Babe Ruth League (Posypanko Park)

Vic Falles, President and Greg Kaether, Field Director, of the Babe Ruth League presented a Posypanko Park Field Renovation Proposal. They noted they had consulted several companies to develop the proposal and that the league would fully fund the project.

The primary field is used for all major league (ages 10-12) and the secondary field (large Posy) is used for minor league (ages 8-12) and on a limited basis (13 YO+). Large Posy, which is used for a dual purpose is a hazard.

The plan, which would be done in phases, would turn large Posy into a 50/70 fenced field. Both minor and major teams could safely utilize the field. The league would re-sod the infield and surrounding areas, install a fence, and extend the water line to the field. If needed the league would install a new well.

Renovations to the primary field, which have already begun would be finished and would include the removal of all infield grass and surrounding areas, laser level the areas and re-sod the entire infield and surrounding areas.

The T-ball teams would utilize the field during the week. The 13 YO+ teams use the Great Oak field in the spring. The league would like access to the High School field for the 13 YO+ teams for fall games. They could have two teams at the most.

Discussion on lights on the field. Lights are too costly; therefore, they are not being considered at this time.

The park is underpowered. A new transformer will be installed, just to take care of the present power needs.

Discussion on what the league would like to be done to the fields. The league will put it in writing, that they only want the Town lawn contractor to mow the grass. The league will maintain the fields.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the proposal. The proposed plan would not interfere with flag football or any other activities.

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to approve the Posypanko Park Field Renovation Proposal, dated February 6, 2013, as presented by the Babe Ruth League with the conditions that the Babe Ruth League would be responsible for installing the transformer and second well, if needed and that the Commission will not assist the league in securing the High School field for the 13 YO+. Seconded by Jim Leach. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Joyce Silberkleit to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of 12/5/12. Seconded by Greg Baktis. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

The 1/02/13 Regular Meeting was cancelled.

Correspondence

A thank you letter to Dave and Nancy VerNooy for their generous donation of the new tennis courts.

Treasurer's Report

1. Review of the 2012-2013 budget.
2. Review of the 2013-2014 budget proposal.

The schools are requiring site directors to be at all activities.

MOTION by Kelly Weymer to approve the Treasurer's Report and the 2013-2014 budget Proposal. Seconded by Joyce Silberkleit. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Bills - None

Director's Report

Summer Camp - Posypanko Park will only be used as the drop off for the travel camp. Trips will not be optional, if campers do not go on the trip they will have to stay home.

Jackson Cove - Besides the concerts, an event will be held every Tuesday.

Playscape Committee - bids have gone out for site preparation. Work will begin in March or early April.

First Selectman, George Temple, has told Debbie Gatto that the High School football and track fields would be under the Commission's jurisdiction. Mrs. Gatto will be looking into what the potential costs of maintaining this would be, as it would have to be included in the budget.

Other Business

Peddler's Permit - H&D Catering. The application was reviewed.

MOTION by Kenn Maher to approve the peddler's permit for HD Catering with the noted Stipulations:

1. No selling at Posypanko Park on Opening Day of Babe Ruth.
2. No Selling at Posypanko Park when summer camp is there.
3. No selling at Jackson Cove when the concession stand is open.

Second by Joyce Silberkleit. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

Committee/ Liaison Reports

The Jackson Cove committee will meet after Debbie Gatto meets with the insurance company. The budget committee will meet to discuss the additional field maintenance funds.

Audience of Citizens - None

MOTION by Elaine Raccio to go into Executive Session at 9:P.M. to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Greg Baktis. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried. Director Debbie Gatto and Cindy Peck, Clerk were asked to remain.

MOTION by Jim Leach to come out of Executive Session at 9:05 P.M. Seconded by Kenn Maher. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

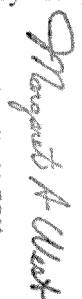
First Selectman George Temple entered the meeting to discuss the Commission's being responsible for the High School football and track fields.

Adjournment

MOTION by Kenn Maher moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 P.M. Second by Kelly Weymer. **Vote** - All ayes. Motion carried.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
Respectfully submitted


Cynthia Peck
Clerk

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